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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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Inventors: O'Donohue *et al.*
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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (in duplicate);
2. Form PTO-1449 (4 pages);
3. Copies of references AL1, AM1, AN1, AS5, AT5, AR6, AS6, AT6, AR7, AS7, AT7, AR8, AS8 and AT8; and
4. A return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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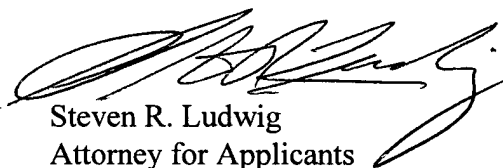
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Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

Listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449 are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. A copy of each of these documents is provided. The numbering of documents in this Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is a continuation of the numbering in Applicants' First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, filed October 20, 2000, submitted in connection with the above-captioned application.

Document AN1, patent FR 2 772 788 is in the French language. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3), an English language abstract of Document AN1 is attached as Document AS8.

Where the publication date of a listed document does not provide a month of publication, the year of publication of the listed document is sufficiently earlier than the effective U.S. filing date and any foreign priority date so that the month of publication is not

in issue. Applicants have listed publication dates on the attached PTO-1449 based on information presently available to the undersigned. However, the listed publication dates should not be construed as an admission that the information was actually published on the date indicated.

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This statement should not be construed as a representation that a search has been made, or that information more material to the examination of the present patent application does not exist. The Examiner is specifically requested not to rely solely on the material submitted herewith. It is further understood that the Examiner will consider information that had been cited or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in a prior application relied on under 35 U.S.C. § 120. 1138 OG 37, 38 (May 19, 1992).

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 and indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

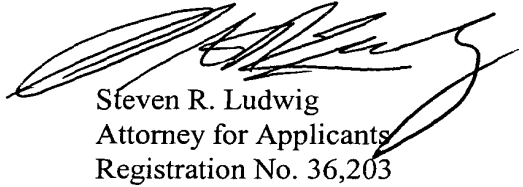
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Consideration of the cited documents and making the same of record in the prosecution of the above-identified application is respectfully requested. The U.S. Patent and Trademark

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